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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LISCHECK ET AL.

Examiner

Hien D. Vu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1- 4 are objected to because in claim 1, the following features which are still confusing and unclear: claim 1, line 13, "an introduction of a knife blade" is not clear; line 14, "the free ends" lacks an antecedent basis; line 15, "and the contact lamellae configured to deform only" is unclear what is being claimed.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Risser et al (878) in view of Stanevich (417).

Insofar as the claims can be understood, Risser, figs. 1-3 show an inner contact part 14, a spring element 28, an attachment part 20, a center segment 14 and a contact segment 22 having a contact part having at least three contact lamellae 24 pointing away from the center segment 14, each contact lamellae having a contact point (not labeled), a blade 48, and the free ends of the contacts being freely movable. Risser does not show after further insertion of the blade, the free ends configured to rest against the spring element and the contact lamellae configured to deform. Stanevich, Figs. 7-8 show after further insertion of a blade 11, free ends 20 of contact lamellae 17,18 configured to rest against a spring element 14 and the contact lamellae configured to deform. It would have been to one with skill in the art to modify the connector of Risser by forming the contact lamellae and the spring element with a

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similar shape as the contact lamellae and the spring element of Stanevich, as taught by Stanevich, in order to provide better connection and to improve conductivity between the blade and the contact lamellae.

As to claim 2, the contact lamellae are formed in the shape of fingers and are only connected to each other at an end pointing to the center segment.

As to claim 3, support elements 30 situated at a section of the spring element 28, which read as the recited the external retention spring.

As to claim 4, the external retention spring substantially completely surrounds the contact part.

As to claims 5-7, the claims have substantial similar features as claims 1-3; therefore, they are rejected under the similar rationale.

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Kerek, Ramari, Chaillot et al and Drinkwater are cited for disclosure of electrical sockets having spring contacts

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hien D. Vu at telephone number 571-272-2016.

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